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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 18, 2003, the period for response to which ends after September 18, 2003, please consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 2 of this paper. (No amendments to the claims have been made in this paper.)

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

A copy of the Restriction in US patent application serial no. 08/794,202 dated July 29, 1999 is attached following page 4.